

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 2, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular City Council meeting was held on May 2, 2017 in the city council room of the New Germany City Hall. Mayor Van Lith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., those present were: Mayor Van Lith, Councilpersons Ty Turnquist, Shirley Jaeger, and Nick Hartwig, absent Cathy Ruschmeier. Others present were: City Clerk – Twyla Menth. Audience members present were: Ryan Goede with New Germany Fire Department, Mike Barthel with People Service.

B. CITIZEN COMMENT: no comments.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded approval of the agenda. The motion carried, all were in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded approval of the April 18, 2017 minutes. The motion carried, all were in favor.

E. SHERIFFS REPORT: Goede reported on the vandalism that occurred last fall at the St Mark's Fellowship Center; they are pursuing the individual for payment of the bill. Goede reported the individual does not live in the City and was remorseful and they have set up a payment plan for the bill. This brought up the question of the Fire Department bill, after discussion the Council decided to send a letter making the individual aware of the fees encountered by the Fire Department; invite him to a Council meeting to discuss options.

F. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Goede recommended new fire fighter Cody Smith be accepted by Council pending he passes his agility test. Smith has completed the back ground check and physical requirements. Jaeger moved and Turnquist seconded to approve the recommendation of Cody Smith to the New Germany Fire Department pending he passes his required agility test. The motion carried, all were in favor.

Goede reported that Jim Heimerl is not interested in continuing with the rental bookings for the hall. Goede and Van Lith asked the Clerk if she would be interested and there were no issues. Council had a discussion on cleaning charges, Janitor services and how the rentals are working. Council would like the Janitor to attend a meeting for more discussion on billing. Fire Department will check with bars and see if there is any interest for the liquor/beer end of the rentals and report back.

G. TREASURE REPORT: The Treasury report noted that the General fund balance was \$1,133,223.55, which includes the CD's balance of \$47,918.48. The City has received the first half of the Comp Plan grant of \$16,000.00. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the Treasure report as printed. The motion carried, all were in favor.

H. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council had a discussion on press box and grandstand bill. Council also had questions on the Bolton and Menk bill for the Waste Water Phosphorous Reduction Plan; Clerk explained and after more discussion it was decided to ask for an itemized list from Bolton and Menk and hold check until received and if possible to always include itemized statements. Turnquist moved and Jaeger seconded to approve the claims in the amount of \$32,424.26. The motion carried, all were in favor.

I. WATER SEWER REPORT: Barthel with People Service introduced himself and updated the Council with his background/qualifications; Barthel then went over the quarterly report with Council. Council and Barthel had a discussion on the pond permit, and infiltration. Council also discussed the waste water pond permit and phosphorous limits and what procedures are being suggested going forward.

Clerk explained to Council that the County Fiber Optic program is investigating what it would cost to purchase and install a generator on a pad outside the WTP; they would then run the connection to City Hall to include the fiber optic room on generator back up. The County has some funding available for the project and that is why they are exploring to see if it is enough to finance the project, no financial obligation to the City. Randy Lehs, electrician and Bolton & Menk will be meeting to put numbers together.

J1. Carver County Humane and Health services met with Clerk to discuss the City of New Germany's Liquor Ordinance. Their main concern or question was if the City was requiring the establishments who are apply for annual liquor license Responsible Beverage Server Training (RBST) certification. They reported they offer free trainings in spring, summer and fall there has not been anyone from the establishments in New Germany. They can take the training online from a private company for a fee, but they should still be receiving a certification certificate. They would like to see the City requiring RBST training and certification as part of the liquor renewal process. The County has many options for the training including coming to your site, several classes at other cities and any of these are acceptable for certification; trainings are typically from 1-1.5 hour classes. Council had a discussion on volunteers attending or just heads or leads of volunteers of the department that is serving alcohol. It was decided upon the three establishments will be required to have completed RBST training and will need proof of certification as stated in the City liquor ordinance. Certification documents will need to be included as part of the liquor ordinance renewal process. The County will advertise any event in the City as a "Family Friendly Event" if you complete any of the following: RBST training,

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breast feeding tent, or tobacco signage. They also noted that Carver County excessive drinking is at a higher rate than the state standard rate.

K. BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE: 1 – window permit was issued.

L. COMPLAINT LOG: Complaint on water valve in driveway; People service reviewed; would be the builder's responsibility or owner, not the City.

M. PW REPORT: Mayor Van Lith reported Rick Todd who is a seasonal Public Works employee will be starting on Thursday. They are looking into new lawn mowers and they will be demoing different brands before making any recommendations to Council.

Council had a discussion of the settling that is taking place in the parking lot of the City acquired pole shed building; it was decided to take Loomis Constructions offer of free fill to fill in the deeper settling spot (where the scale was) and finish the top base with class 5.

May 20 is spring clean up date, Shirley, TY and Steve will be available; Clerk should post quorum notice.

Council reviewed Laketown Electric bid to install service on the acquired City pole shed site; Turnquist would like three more bids.

Van Lith noted that public works is in need of orange cones; will order 12 – 28" cones / \$12.50 each, plus shipping.

N. PARKS REPORT: Nothing to report.

O. MAYORS REPORT: Nothing more to report.

P. CLERKS REPORT: Kevin's Carper Cleaning will be here on Friday at 9:30 AM; Mayor Van Lith will open hall and office.

June 17 between 11:30 – 12 PM Ride for Life will be arriving at T- Road Tavern; in 2016 there were approximately 641 motorcycles on this ride; post in newsletter to make residents aware.

Discussion on contents insurance coverage for items that will be in the UFC pole shed. As of now we have \$10,000 coverage, FD Van is covered under the auto policy; Council felt this was enough content coverage at this time.

Michael Legg with Carver County has been out of the office and he is aware that New Germany is not a MS4 City, he did not know if exhibit D applied to New Germany. They will be reviewing the Road Agreement and when they have the issues worked out they will send the agreement back for further review.

Seal Coating will be done on County Road 30 and 33 by the County sometime this spring/summer.

Council discussed the address of the house being built on 160 Hilda Avenue North, the house faces Park street East and the driveway is on Park Street East; after discussion it was decided it should be a Park Street address. Clerk will continue working on getting the address changed to 601 Park Street East.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council discussed Ordinance 85-A changes; decided there were a few more minor changes that are needed for it to be complete; tabled until next meeting.

2. Council reviewed Ordinance No 101 – A; The changes to the Ordinance were reviewed by Council and it was determined minor changes were still needed to section 5; will table until next meeting and they all can be published at the same time.

3. Tabled until the next meeting.

4. Turnquist reported they are working on placement of the electronic sign.

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R. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report as of this time.

S. ADJOURNMENT: Hartwig moved and Jaeger second to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. The motion carried, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____ Twyla Menth, City Clerk